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MAYOR ANNOUNCES ENERGY-EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS AT INDY PARKS FACILITIES

MEASURES IMPLEMENTED AT INDY PARKS WILL SAVE TAXPAYERS THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS

INDIANAPOLIS – Mayor Greg Ballard today announced energy-efficiency improvements at Thatcher Park Family Center and 12 additional Indy Parks facilities that will save the City of Indianapolis nearly \$160,000 annually in utility costs. The Indy Parks & Recreation retrofit measures are part of Mayor Ballard's Sustainable Facilities Initiative.

"Achieving cost savings through energy-efficiency improvements is a vital component of our efforts to make Indianapolis one of the most sustainable cities in the Midwest," said Mayor Ballard. "Our work over the past year to reduce the environmental impact of City operations is helping to lead the way for sustainable economic development."

Improvements at Indy Parks facilities include solar thermal heating systems, energy-efficient lighting systems, pool covers, doors, and windows. A tour of Thatcher Park Family Center following today's Sustainability Month announcement showcased the new pool cover, pool boiler replacement, solar thermal heating system and other facility improvements.

In addition to Thatcher, Indy Parks facilities being updated with new, more sustainable equipment include: Krannert Family Center, Burrello Family and Aquatic centers, Riverside Family Center, Indy Island Aquatic Facility, Brookside Park Family and Recreation centers, Perry Park Ice Rink, Municipal Gardens Recreation Center, Rhodius Park Family Center, Eagle Creek Park Building, Christian Park Center, Bethel Park Family Center and Garfield Park Conservatory.

The Indy Parks projects are part of the City's \$18 million investment in energy-efficiency measures that will ultimately benefit 61 facilities across five City departments. This major investment will save taxpayers \$1.7 million annually in utility costs.

To learn more about Mayor Ballard's vision of making Indianapolis one of the most sustainable cities in the Midwest, visit www.sustainindy.org.

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